

South Dakota

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RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, October 24, 2003 – Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 75.2 million pounds during September. This was down 10 percent from one year ago and 5 percent below last month, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. For September, sheep and lamb production was up from one year ago, while pork production was down.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 357,200 head during September compared to 395,500 head last year. Average live weight was 256 pounds, which was down 5 pounds from September 2002. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 356,300 head, which was comprised of 8,100 sows and 348,200 barrows and gilts.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,200 head during September compared to 600 head last year. Average live weight was 119 pounds, which was unchanged from September 2002. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 1,000 head of lambs and yearlings.

Commercial slaughter data for beef cattle is not published.

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